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Red Carpet Rollout

This week Whiteman welcomes ...

Gen. Donald Cook

Commander of Air Education and Training Command

U.S. Rep. Ike Skelton

Missouri's 4th District

9-Line Target



Mentor our future leaders

News in Brief

AFPC announces captain selectees

The CY03A promotion board chose six Whiteman first lieutenants in the Line of the Air Force, judge advocate general, chaplain, medical service corps, biomedical sciences corps and nurse corps. Air Forcewide, 816 were selected for promotion to captain.

Whiteman's selectees are: **Shelly Hilliker** and **Adam Slaughter**, 509th Bomb Wing, **James Johnson**, 509th Security Forces Squadron, **Paul Smith**, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, **Troy Chupp** and **Jared Hale**, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron.

The entire list is posted on the Web at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil>.

Two selected for promotion

Two Whiteman members were selected for promotion under the August in system supplemental results. They are **Staff Sgt. Mark Haywood** and **Tech. Sgt. Henry Starks**, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

8th AF vice commander promoted

Brig. Gen. Gregory Power, 8th Air Force vice commander, was selected for promotion to major general by the U.S. Senate Aug. 1. Power served as commander of the 509th Operations Group here from January 1995-August 1996. He also was the 509th OG deputy commander from July 1994-January 1995.

Weather

Saturday

Partly cloudy



H 98 °

L 70 °

Sunday

Rainy



H 96 °

L 71 °

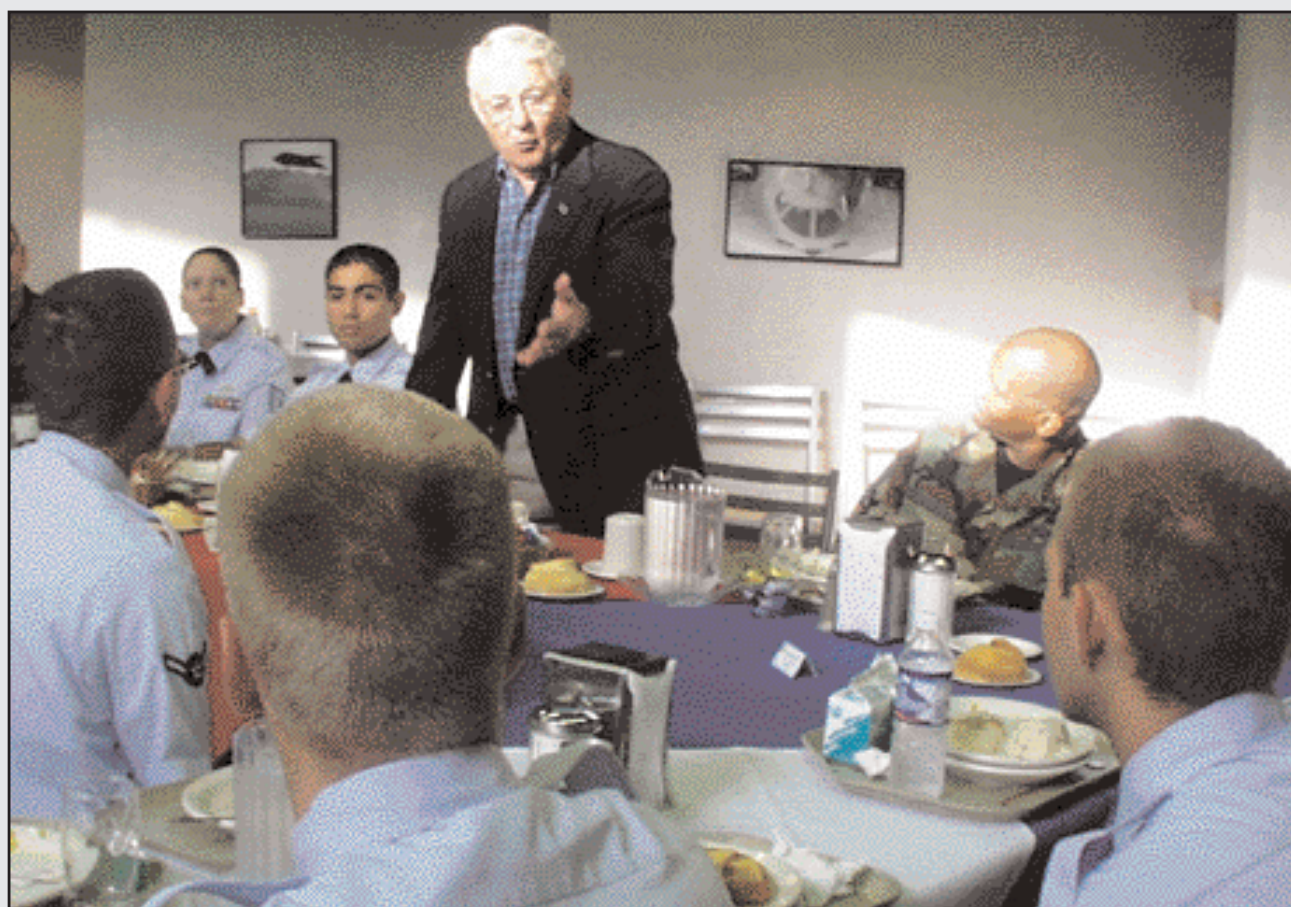


Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Strive for excellence...and deliver

The fifth Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Robert Gaylor speaks to First-Term Airmen Center students and airman leadership school graduates Wednesday at Ozark Inn. Gaylor challenged the students and graduates to become better leaders and excel in their careers. Gaylor also spoke at the ALS Class 03-F graduation Wednesday at Mission's End, toured Whiteman and spoke to senior NCO and airman professional development course students.

Christmas in July

509th Bomb Wing receives \$13.8 million present from ACC

By Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Public Affairs

It takes a team effort for a wing to wisely spend \$13.8 million of operations and maintenance funds in one month, said Maj. Jim McCreary, 509th Contracting Squadron commander.

Members of the 509th Bomb Wing successfully completed that task in 31 days after receiving the money from Air Combat Command. The money came from ACC's Global War on Terrorism fund.

"We couldn't have done this without everyone communicating with everyone else in the wing," said Capt. Dan Lueck, 509th Comptroller Squadron Financial Analysis Flight commander. "We had to spend the money quickly on projects that would enhance our mission capabilities, and improve the quality of life for our members and their families."

"Resource advisers had to be in constant contact with the people generating the requirements along with both comptroller and contracting members. It certainly takes a concerted effort on the part of individuals from various organizations to accomplish such a phenomenal feat."

ACC established the GWOT fund to help replenish the wartime capabilities of ACC bases. The wing's participation in Operation Iraqi Freedom drained munitions, fuel and supplies.

"Our normal budget doesn't allow us to perform combat operations. It pays for our training and equipment," said Lt. Col. Diane Holmgren, 509th CPTS commander. "Congress appropriates additional dollars to pay for our cost of war. A lot of the money that's coming here is directly tied to the Global War on Terrorism. The money's coming from Congress to help pay the services for their war efforts."



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Senior Airman James Moore and Staff Sgt. Thomas Deppa, 509th Contracting Squadron contracting specialists, review a new contract.

The GWOT fund allowed the wing to initiate projects and purchase items it couldn't under its normal budget. That includes helping support anti-terrorism requirements, building guard shacks, making runway repairs, building a cycle room at the fitness center and more.

The GWOT also boosted Whiteman's quality of life.

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Commander's Corner

By Col. Ned Schoeck

509th Bomb Wing vice commander

\$1.4 MILLION — COMING SOON TO A DORM NEAR YOU.

We got it all! Nearly \$1.4 million was made available to Whiteman for dormitory improvements. If yours hasn't already, every dorm room is getting all new furniture — beds, sheets, comforters, desks, chairs and dressers. Standby for the next purchase — we may even get some pool tables!

CMSAF #5 VISIT! Robert Gaylor, the fifth Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force, spoke at the airman leadership school class 03-F graduation on Tuesday. Great words from a great American — thanks, Chief!

FIRST SERGEANT, FIRST TEAM. Thanks to Whiteman's First Sergeant's Group for hosting an infor-

mative social this past week. The purpose was to inform more than 30 of our newest master sergeants, NCO selects, and senior NCOs about the life of a first sergeant. There is no more challenging duty in the enlisted ranks than that of the first sergeant. I encourage all those that attended to consider making the leap into the world of the "shirt." If you want to make a difference in the lives of people, this is the job for you.

NICE LAWN, BUT... Have you seen the rivers of water flowing down the sidewalks in base housing lately? Watering your lawn in great, but let's make sure we aren't watering the



whole block. Water may seem free, but the base pays a high price, especially in these times of local drought, for our water consumption. Be sensible — a green lawn is nice, but a boggy marsh is just wasteful!

BREAK THAT ACCIDENT CHAIN! As we near the tail end of the "101 Critical Days," take some time for a mid-summer "self check." Are you "pre-flight" your vehicle, your loved ones and yourself before summer activities? What risky behavior are you participating in? Are you the strong link or the weak link in the ever-important safety chain? Once again, alcohol, speed-related accidents and motorcycle mishaps are part of the trend in ACC let's make sure we're "breaking the accident chain" before it's too late!



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Discovery Hall dorm manager Tech. Sgt. Teddy Anderson and Airman 1st Class Drucilla Quintanilla move one of 200 new mattresses to a dorm room at Discovery. Anderson is a member of the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron and Quintanilla is a member of the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

Wartime in the 509th Operations Support Squadron

By Lt. Col. Brian O'Rear

509th Operations Support Squadron Commander

I'm sure many people have been dying to ask a question, and I don't blame them. Go on, admit it. They see sharp troops in crisp uniforms wearing black hats with blue bills with lettering that reads "509 OSS" and wonder, "What in the world is an OSS?"

The description of what our team does and how it fits together is interesting, but not nearly as fascinating as watching the team in action.

I want to take you through a day in the life of our squadron as it functioned during wartime. Peacetime is a little different, but it's the same diverse group of professionals interweaving their talents to make the machine hum.

First, a few facts. The Hawks are about 230 strong and perform a myriad of functions for the wing. We are divided into seven flights ranging from the largest — about 90 members in airfield operations working in tower, radar approach and airfield management — to the smallest — B-2 survivability and tactics, or the "Q," with less than 10.

Our Whiteman team pulled together to kill targets and the Hawks were just a part of that larger team. I'll give you a glimpse of how we fit in to the grand scheme, and my emphasis will be on our part, not because it was greater or more important than any other, but because I want you to know about our team, the mighty 509th Operations Support Squadron Hawks.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Senior Airman Aaron Yurko shakes hands with Lt. Col. Brian O'Rear, 509th Operations Support Squadron commander, while at their squadron picnic. The OSS airman works in the air traffic control tower.

We have a mission planning cell, intelligence team and other aspects of our war-planning machine in Bldg. 200. The MPC B-2 pilots are primarily from combat plans and wing weapons, but bomb squadron and

394th Combat Training Squadron pilots often augment them. During the wing's involvement in Operation Iraqi Freedom, we received phone calls from one of our B-2 liaison officers working with the air com-

ponent commander, Lt. Gen. Buzz Mosely, in Southwest Asia telling us of expected targets for the next air tasking order. Our MPC took the proposed targets and reviewed them with our intel folks to determine the best way to destroy them.

In that discussion, issues such as enemy missile and air threats, weapon fuzing, size of the weapon and impact angle helped determine if the targets were appropriate for the B-2. In this conflict, collateral damage issues were extraordinarily important. We were frequently directed to use less "bang" to limit possible damage to the surrounding structures and civilian population. The targeteers viewed computer simulations that graphically showed the expected damage. When the targeteers completed this assessment, they returned to the MPC and worked together to determine a weapons mix. Our B-2 weapons experts in the MPC applied their spin to the weapons load plan before coordinating with maintenance and munitions members. When we fit the puzzle pieces together, we called the liaison officer at the Combined Air Operations Center with adjustments to the original proposal.

Now comes the intricate balance between tactics and survivability. Our professionals in combat plans, who maintain expertise in all geographic areas of responsibility in peacetime, developed a plan to weave through the hostile airspace, arrive at the designated targets and deliver weapons with breathtaking accuracy. The combat plans folks worked with our Boeing con-

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CSAF announces new fitness program

Mandatory run, sit-ups and push-ups take effect in January

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Airmen will begin hitting the track soon as the Air Force begins a new physical fitness program, the service's senior leader announced in his July 30 "Fit to Fight" Sight Picture.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper directed that airmen will now test their fitness levels by performing sit-ups, push-ups and running 1.5 miles.

The change is being made because "we are a much different Air Force today," according to Jumper.

Jumper cited the physical requirements demanded by recent deployments around the world as the impetus for the change.

"The amount of energy we devote to our fitness programs is not consistent with the growing demands of our warrior culture," he said. "It's time to change that."

Details will be released soon that will get airmen back to the basics of running, sit-ups and push-ups, Jumper said. The cycle ergometry test, in use for the past 10 years, will continue for those who, for legitimate reasons, are not able to run.

Other changes include issued workout clothes and a renewed focus on the commander's ownership of airman physical fitness.

"We are planning to ... put responsibility for (physical training) in the chain of command, not with the medical community or the commander's support staff," Jumper said.

"I expect this effort to be led from the top, starting with commanders and senior (noncommissioned officers)," he

"The message is simple: If you are out of shape, fix it. If you have people in your squadron who need help, help them."

Gen. John Jumper
Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force



said. "I expect those who have trouble meeting the standards to be helped by others in their unit until they do meet the standard."

The program begins Jan. 1. Jumper said he plans to lead National Capitol Region Air Force general officers in a fitness test during the first week of January. Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray will lead area command chiefs later in the week.

"I think all of us can agree that we were disappointed with the fitness standards we found when we came into the operational Air Force," Jumper said. "Let's not disappoint ourselves any longer. The message is simple: If you are out of shape, fix it. If you have people in your squadron who need help, help them."

"January 2004 is the date," he said. "Be ready."



Photo by Senior Airman Shawn Clements

Army 1st Lt. Dominic Sansone, Missouri Army National Guard, spots Josh Mackey of Warrensburg.



Photo by Master Sgt. Dee Ann Poole

Change for the better

Maj. Albert Moreno teaches 509th Medical Group members how to restructure the primary care manager program. Moreno and two other instructors from the PCM Mobile Course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, visited here July 29-31. Changes at the MedGp will result in improved access, better service, and closer connection between the PCM teams and the squadrons enrolled to them. "Over the next several weeks, the teams will realign enabling them to work together better as a group practice," said Col. Rick Bachmann, 509th MedGp commander. Additionally, telephone procedures are being revamped to make appointments more quickly, decreasing the number of calls that are forwarded from central appointments to the PCM teams. Finally, the MedGp is beginning an outreach program to get the medics more involved with the squadrons they support, so PCM members will visit work areas.



Photo by Senior Airman Tia Schroeder

Don't breathe

Tech. Sgt. Michael Kiley and Airman 1st Class Alex Rodriguez, search for a simulated improvised explosive device using the Andros Robotic System during the major accident response exercise July 31. The MARE evaluators tested the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron explosive ordnance disposal technicians by placing a simulated suspicious package at the rear of Bldg. 200.

Centennial of flight



1969 — The twin-tailed, twin-engine, McDonnell Douglas air-superiority fighter, the F-15 Eagle, was introduced.

Sortie board



Monthly

	B-2	A-10	T-38
Goal	560.0	320.0	404.6
Flown	674.6	106.1	439.9

Fiscal year

	B-2	A-10	T-38
Goal	6,350.0	5,445.0	4,200.0
Flown	6,554.1	4,617.4	3,587.4

Information current as of Wednesday

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The base dormitories received \$1.4 million to replace dorm room furniture. Discovery Hall received 200 new mattresses July 31. Each dorm will eventually receive new beds, desks, chairs, shelves, refrigerators and wall lockers, said Tech. Sgt. James Burge, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron base housing superintendent.

The 509th Maintenance Squadron will get new tools and a jogging trail will be constructed by the north lake. Tiffany Driskill, 509th Mission Support Group resource adviser, said communication played a key role in the wing's success.

Wing members identified their needs and requirements to the RAs who made a list of necessary items. The RAs then forwarded the request to the 509th CPTS which approved the funding. Then, the 509th CONS negotiated the contracts.

If wing members didn't prioritize their buy-down items early, the wing wouldn't have been able to capitalize on the opportunity, McCreary said.

"To spend money quickly and prudently, it takes a lot of prior planning and coordination," said McCreary. "We've seen tremendous efforts from everybody involved in the process. This past month highlighted the tremendous ability of Team Whiteman."

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tractors to develop plans on the mission planning system. They used guidance and oversight provided by the survivability flight professionals.

The weather shop also fit into this plan when it was still in its infancy. They made the contrail predictions — contrails are the white trails behind high-flying aircraft — so we would know the best altitudes for us to fly undetected. After all, a stealthy airplane producing contrails isn't very stealthy, so contrail management was key to our success.

The weather team also gave the wind predictions at the expected altitudes. People might be surprised to learn that the winds can be more than 100 miles an hour where we fly, and that could impact our mission success significantly. Our weather guys must know their job and they do!

Meanwhile, an airspace expert worked on our flight plan. When he finished, he took it to airfield management. Those professionals deciphered the whole puzzle and put the flight plan into the airspace system without a hitch.

The flight crews came in, and since there were 22 B-2 pilots in our squadron during OIF, a Hawk was more than likely on the crew. They would get a survival refresher from our highly trained survival instructors, as well as some reminders on code of conduct in case they were shot down and captured.

Intel briefed the crew on the latest developments in the battle and any changes to the threat situation. The crew stepped to the aircraft after being briefed about the mission by the MPC team.

The current flight operations team monitored flight cur-

rencies. Those currencies and qualifications were checked well before the crew showed up. Current operations also has combat crew communications in its flight. They prepared the secure codes for the aircraft so the pilots could communicate without risk of compromise, and provided the worldwide flying charts and airfield approach plates. As personnel and equipment requirements developed throughout the war, the current operations flight mobility team helped get our people to their deployed locations.

Once the pilots got to the flightline, the weapons shop experts troubleshot any problems that developed with the aircrew's munitions. Weapons shop members routinely communicated with the aircrews during flight and worked with the headquarters to resolve weapon or fuze issues.

The flightline was a hive of activity nearly 24 hours a day. The team in the control tower monitored the controlled chaos and ensured a safe airfield environment. These folks ensured the B-2 crews taxied and took off safely. They then handed the B-2 crew over to radar approach control folks, who monitored the aircraft until it departed Whiteman's airspace, keeping an eye out until its return a day and a half later, when they would ease the tired crew's transition back to a safe runway environment and landing.

The Hawks' seven flights work to achieve a single common goal with professionalism and excellence every day. It's a lot like a microcosm of the bigger Air Force team, and we're proud to be part of it.

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Whiteman Spirit Award



Staff Sgt. Chaun Bonk

509th Security Forces Squadron

Staff Sgt. Chaun Bonk, 509th Security Forces Squadron, received the Whiteman Spirit Award from Col. Ned Schoeck, 509th Bomb Wing vice commander, Aug. 1.

Marsha Dial, spouse of Tech. Sgt. Daniel Dial, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, nominated Bonk for the award.

Dial received a call from the visitor's center staff saying a person was there to fix her daughter's wheelchair. The repairman had been on base to fix the wheelchair before, but with the world events happening in early April he needed to be escorted.

"Not only was it time for the bus to drop off my daughter, I had five daycare children still sleeping," Dial said. "I informed the gentleman that I would be there, but it may be 15 to 20 minutes before I could. I needed to wake up the kids, get there shoes on and get them loaded in the van along with waiting for my daughter's bus."

After learning about Dial's situation, Bonk volunteered to escort the repairman to Dial's house.

"I'm also sure she didn't know that my husband was deployed. Therefore, I couldn't call him to help out. She didn't have to escort the repairman to and from my house, but went beyond her duty to help someone else out," Dial said. "That's what our military family is all about, especially at Whiteman. I have come across so many people here willing to give a helping hand when needed."

Personally Speaking

Duty title: Visitor control center technician

Time on station: 2 years

Time in service: 11 years, 9 months

Hometown: Burlington, Wis.

Spouse: retired Tech. Sgt. Robert Bonk

Children: Ciara, 17; Cody, 15; Christopher, 13; Dalton, 10; and Jennifer, 6

Hobbies: Coaching youth sports and reading to my children.

Goals: Attaining my degree in forensic science.

Best thing about Whiteman: The fact that I feel safe because the security forces and Army Guard members are performing their jobs by the book, preventing any unauthorized access to Whiteman.

Pet Peeves: When people entering the installation complain that our base security procedures are an inconvenience to them and the hospital's appointment system waiting time.

What motivates your winning spirit? Working with outstanding people; having a supervisor who allows his people to demonstrate their leadership abilities by making situational decisions, supporting their decisions and always having the willingness to help others.

If you could change one thing about Whiteman, what would it be? Add a coffee shop and a souvenir shop to the Whiteman visitor control center for the contractors and tourists who visit the facility.

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Submitting a Whiteman Spirit Award

Individuals are nominated from within their units or by customers impressed with the superior customer service provided by the nominee. If you know someone who has the Whiteman Spirit, send the nomination to the 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs Office, Bldg. 509, Suite 111, or e-mail whiteman.spirit@Whiteman.af.mil.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Master Sgt. Harvey Catchings, 325th Bomb Squadron additional duty first sergeant (sitting), shows fellow squadron members Senior Airman Amanda Rodriguez and Tech. Sgt. Latonya Charles the selective re-enlistment bonuses for the aviation resource management career field. Rodriguez and Charles are two of the three squadron members who re-enlisted recently and received SRBs.

1st Sergeant's View

By Master Sgt. Harvey Catchings

325th Bomb Squadron Additional Duty First Sergeant

I had the extreme pleasure during the past month to witness one of our most sacred customs recognized in the Air Force, the re-enlistment ceremony. Three members in my unit made the decision to continue serving our country by signing up for an additional four to six years in their respective career fields.

As they pondered their decisions, my office became their meeting place for several days as they asked many questions concerning responsibilities, retention, promotion and re-enlistment bonuses. The task was evident: I had to provide them with the correct data to make the best-informed decision pertaining to their future.

I immediately went to the Air Force Personnel Center Web site and began researching selective re-enlistment bonuses and promotion statistics. I also found the NCO creed and provided a copy to each airman so they knew what their troops, leaders and peers would expect of them. What I found concerning SRBs was beneficial to these airmen and information I want to share with the Whiteman community. The Air Force recently revised the re-enlistment bonuses by:

- ✓ Adding or increasing 40 career field zones, effective June 4.

- ✓ Decreasing or removing 100 zones, effective July 4.

It's important to know SRBs are not an entitlement for airmen but a personnel management tool.

The Air Force uses this criteria for determining SRB rates:

- ✓ Current and projected skill, and manning levels;
- ✓ Retention rates;
- ✓ Re-enlistment rates and category of enlistment;
- ✓ Career field force structure changes; and
- ✓ Inputs from functional career field managers.

Providing these airmen with the proper information helped them make the choice of continued support to our military family.

By talking to these airmen about their re-enlistment, I learned the main focus was not the SRB, but service to the country they love so much. Their re-enlistment ceremonies were important to them, and their family members and friends appreciated the opportunity to witness their daughter, sister, wife and friend accept the challenges that our way of life supports and defends.

As supervisors, it's our responsibility to provide our airmen the necessary training and knowledge of our military customs, and engage in research to help them make the best possible decisions, which will affect their career and our stability as the best Air Force in the world!

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ALS graduates 13 future NCOs

Airman leadership school Class 03-F graduated 13 senior airmen in a ceremony Tuesday at the Mission's End.

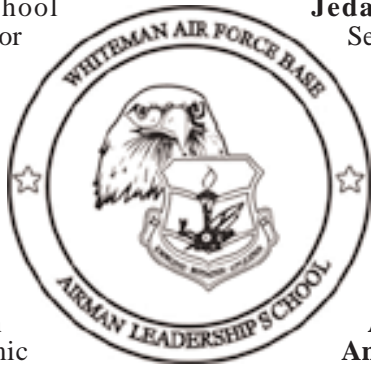
The award winners were:

Staff Sgt. Jay Tomten, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, John L. Levi-tow and

Leadership Award
Cynthia McMillan, 509th Services Squadron, Academic Achievement Award

The other graduates were:

Staff Sgt. Matthew Mattes, and **Francis LaSpada**, 509th CES



Jedadiah Schroeder, 509th Security Forces Squadron

Staff Sgt. Jeremy Gravi-ett, 509th Munitions Squadron

Hans Schell, 509th Maintenance Squadron

Jerome Allen and **Michael Ward**, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Andrew Finan and **Andrew Holt**, 509th Logisti-cal Support Squadron

Janet Allende, 509th SVS

David Blackmore, 10th Air Support Oper-ations Squadron, Fort Riley, Kan.



Photo by Senior Airman Tia Schroeder

Members of airman leadership school Class 03-F pose for a photo with the fifth Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Robert Gaylor, Chief Master Sgt. Keith Cobb, 509th Bomb Wing command chief master, ALS instructors Tech. Darla Rush, Staff Sgt. Tim Bouseman, and Master Sgt. Mark Carter at Mission's End Tuesday.

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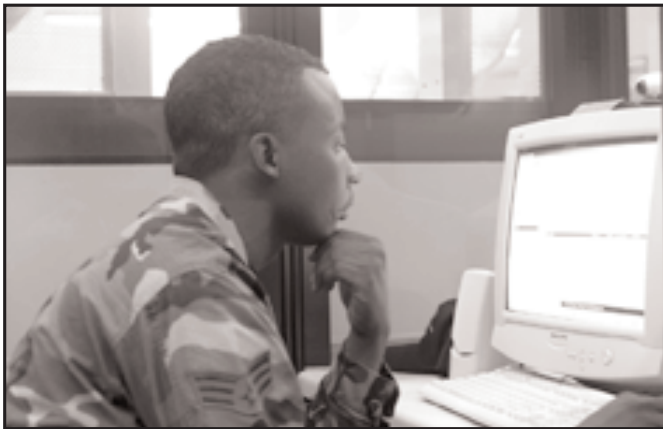


Photo by Senior Airman Shawn Clements

Senior Airman Antaeus Silas, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, surfs the Web at the Cyber Cafe.

Phishing — not a relaxation sport

By 1st Lt. Shelly Hilliker
509th Bomb Wing Legal Office

“Phishing” is a high-tech scam employing spam e-mails to deceive consumers into disclosing credit card numbers, bank account information, Social Security numbers, passwords and other sensitive information.

Perpetrators pose as legitimate businesses such as an Internet service provider, online payment service or bank.

The messages advise recipients to update or validate billing information to keep their accounts active and directs them to a look-alike Web site of the legitimate business. Consumers submit their financial information not to the businesses, but to the scammers, who use it to order goods and services, and obtain credit.

For example, one e-mail floating around titled “Fraud

Alert” reached thousands of consumers June 18. This e-mail cited a concern about a purchase from Best Buy and possible credit card misuse. The message urged recipients to visit a special Web site and correct the problem by entering Social Security and credit card numbers.

Best Buy officials maintain the company didn’t send this message.

Clients who received or responded to this fraudulent message should file a complaint on Military Sentinel located at <http://www.consumer.gov/military>. The Federal Trade Commission news release at <http://www.ftc.gov/opa/2003/06/bestbuyscam.htm> provides guidance for consumers who responded to the message, as well as tips for determining when a “Fraud Alert” may be fraudulent.

For more details call, the legal office at 687-6809.

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Courtesy photo

Reading rangers

The library held summer reading programs to encourage children to read. The program ended with a contest on July 25 and 75 children attended the event. Pictured are the winners of the 6-8 age group: Emilie Cotton, 3rd place, Sean Parr, 5th place, Laura Parr, 4th place, Ashley Thompson, 2nd place and Robert Perce, 1st place. The contest winners received a \$25, \$20, \$15, \$10 or \$5 gift certificate to a local retail store. Emilie's parents are Capt. Shawn and Rika Cotton, 325th Bomb Squadron. Sean and Laura's parents are Army Maj. Larry and Chris Parr. Larry is on a remote assignment to Camp Casey, Republic of Korea. Ashley's parents are Capt. David and Kimberlee Thompson, 509th Bomb Wing. Robert's parents are Maj. Clayton and Katherine Perce. Clayton is the 509th Communications Squadron commander.

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Road renovation

Airman 1st Class T.J. Feldhacker directs traffic as Airman 1st Class Ludwig Renner uses a pavement cutter on Mitchell Avenue. The 509th Civil Engineer Squadron members were preparing a section of Mitchell to be replaced.



Did you know you can fill out a Department of Defense Form 2266, Hometown News Release, for a variety of accomplishments? For more details, call Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp at 687-6130.

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Education

For more details, visit <https://wwwmil.whiteman.af.mil/509mss/educ/homepage.htm> or call 687-5760.

Study skills class offered

A study and test-taking skills class begins at 9 a.m. Wednesday in the base training and education services center. The class focuses on reading, note-taking, studying, memorization and test-taking techniques.

College briefing scheduled

An informational briefing for college-bound students begins at 1:30 p.m. Aug. 27 in Room 112 of the base training and education services center. The briefing will cover financial aid, what schools are available, learning degree programs, College Level Examination Program and Defense Activity for Non-traditional Education Support testing, and other college related topics. This briefing is open to active-duty, retired military members, dependents and federal employees.

Survey scheduled

The base training and education services center is conducting a needs assessment survey to assess the educational needs of the Whiteman community. Complete this survey by logging on to <https://afvec.langley.af.mil/needs> and select Whiteman. Feedback and comments help the BTES center offer programs that best fit members' needs.

Community

Top 3 meeting scheduled

The Whiteman Top 3 Association meets at 3 p.m. Aug. 21 at Mission's End. For more details, call Senior Master Sgt. Al Godbout at 687-7059.

Commissary closing set

The commissary will be closed Aug. 25 for maintenance. It reopens at 8 a.m. Aug. 26. For more details, call 687-5655.

CPF announces new hours

The Civilian Personnel Flight will be open 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thursdays for staff training. The CPF will be open 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Mon.-Wed. and Friday. For more information, call 687-6475.

Family Support

Call 687-7132 for details on these events or other family support center activities. Events take place at the FSC.

Food items needed

The food pantry is low on spaghetti sauce, canned meats, boxed meals and boxed potato side dishes. Drop items off in the food bin at the commissary or at the family support center.

Mentoring orientation scheduled

Training for people interested in mentoring students in the Knob Noster School District begins at 1 p.m. today. Guidelines, responsibilities and the application process will be discussed. Reservations are required.

Pre-retirement briefing set

A transition assistance program for people retiring from the military begins at 9 a.m. Monday. The military personnel flight separation and retirements office schedules members for this briefing.

Financial refresher course scheduled

A financial briefing for senior airmen and below not attending the First-Term Airmen Center begins at 1 p.m. Monday. Reservations are required.

Resume writing workshop set

A hands-on workshop that helps people through the resume writing process begins at 8 a.m. Thursday. Reservations are required.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

I won!

Alexis Mellon picks out a backpack as Amy Mere, 509th Services Squadron, compares the winning ticket. The Back-to-School Party at Mission's End Saturday offered lunch for \$1 and drew 161 participants. Each child received a ticket for a chance to win one of 48 prizes for school supplies that included backpacks, lunch boxes, calculators, notebooks, pencils and paper. Alexis' parents are Jason and Tech. Sgt. Tracey Mellon, 509th SVS and 509th Bomb Wing, respectively.

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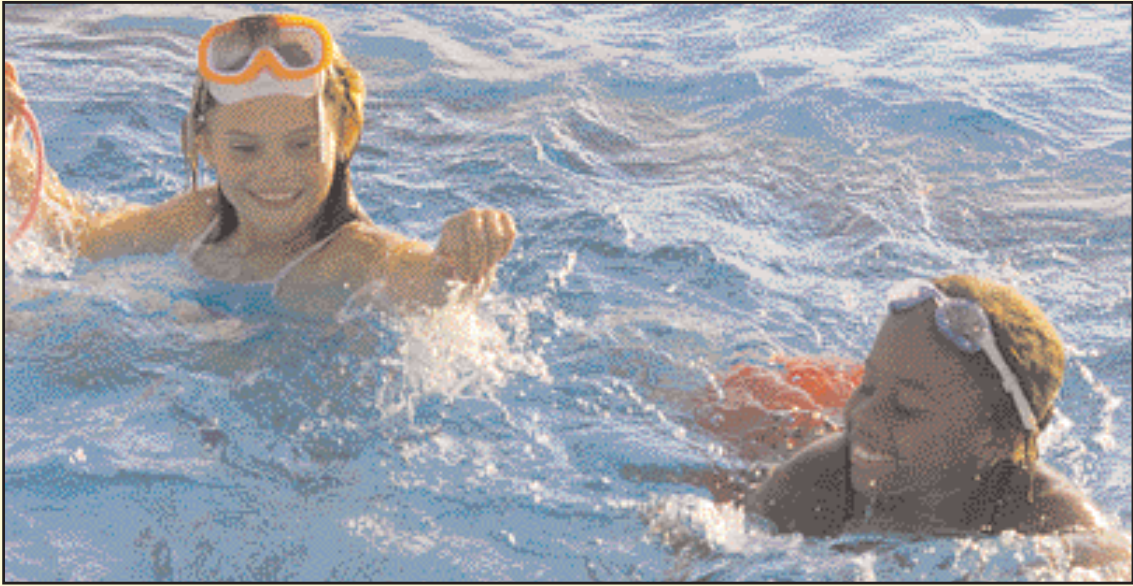


Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Splish splash

Bailey Billings and Lakindra Watkins enjoy their time at the base swimming pool during the pool's Back-to-School Bash Sunday. The 42 children who participated played pool games, bingo and limboed for prizes. The youth center provided refreshments. Bailey's parents are Staff Sgt. Larry and Vicky Billings, 509th Medical Support Squadron, and Watkins' parents are Senior Airman Kwazi and Angelica Payne, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron. The base pool closes for the season Sept. 1. Adult swim ends Thursday and lap swim ends Aug. 15. Pool party reservations will not be taken after Aug. 16. Open swimming takes place noon-6 p.m.

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Outdoor Recreation **687-5565**

Pomme De Terre River Canoe Trip

Enjoy a day of canoeing on the Pomme De Terre River near Wheatland, Mo., 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Aug. 16. The cost of \$8 includes canoe rental, life jackets, paddles and transportation. Bring money for snacks, lunch and gifts. Sign up at outdoor recreation by Thursday.

Smithville Lake ski boat training

Put on a swimsuit, pack a lunch and enjoy a day at the lake 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 23. Learn how to trailer and dock a boat. The cost of \$10 includes transportation. Bring money to shop at the marina. Sign up by Aug. 21.

KC Chiefs tickets lottery

The Kansas City Chiefs lottery begins at 4 p.m. Aug. 19 at Mission's End. Sign up at outdoor recreation.

Child Development Center **687-5588**

Day care openings available

The child development center has full-time openings for 3-to-5-year-olds. Call for more details.

Part-day preschool

The part-day preschool program has openings Tuesdays and Thursdays in the morning and afternoon for 3-to-5-year olds.

Youth Center **687-5586**

Soccer registration

Kindergartners through ninth graders can register for soccer now through Aug. 22 at the youth center. The cost is \$25 for members and \$25 for nonmembers. Children must be 5 years old to register. Sponsored in-part by First Command.*

Music madness

Kindergartners through fourth graders can play musical instruments to create their own sound or play games in the gym 6:30-9:30 p.m. Aug. 15. The cost is \$4 for members and \$4.50 for nonmembers.

Girls' night out

Fifth through seventh graders can enjoy a girls-only night out. Listen to your favorite CDs, make dinner, play games, get a makeover or just hang out 5-10 p.m. Aug. 16 at the youth center. The cost is \$7 for members and \$8 for nonmembers. Registration takes place Monday through Thursday.

Back-to-school bash

Kindergartners through fourth graders can play bingo for school supplies, play video games, play pool or visit with friends 6:30-9:30 p.m. Aug. 22. The cost is \$6 for members and \$7.50 for nonmembers.

Back-to-school lock-in

Play games, win prizes, make crafts or watch movies 10 p.m. Aug. 22 to 7 a.m. Aug. 23. The cost is \$10 for members and \$12 for nonmembers. Pre-teens can sign up Monday through Aug. 22.

Community Center **687-5617**

Missoula Children's Theater

The Missoula Children's Theater presents "Tales of Hans Christian Anderson" at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. today at the

community center. The cost is \$2 and children 5 and younger get in free.

Loafer's convention

Play a round of pool, check out a movie, borrow our cards or relax 1-6 p.m. Saturday at the community center. This is a free event.

Precious pets

Owners can enter their pet photos in the precious pets contest now through Monday at the community center. The public will anonymously vote until Aug. 29. Prizes will be awarded for the top three winners. No copyrighted photos are allowed.

Royals versus Yankees

Watch the Kansas City Royals take on the New York Yankees at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, Mo. The cost of \$12 includes transportation and admission.

Fitness Center **687-5496**

Tour de Missouri

Join the Tour de Missouri and earn awards August and September. Miles may be earned on the bike, treadmill, cross-trainer, stair climber, rowing machine and warrior jogging course. It's open to valid government ID card holders 16 years or older. For more information, contact the fitness center. The grand prize is a one-hour massage. Sponsored in-part by Darlene Goebel, L.M.T., at Hair Dynamics.*

Skills Development Center **687-5691**

Lost planet kaleidoscope class

Learn how to cut, grind and solder glass to create a kaleidoscope 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Aug. 16. The cost is \$10 plus supplies.

Decra led panel class

Create a faux-stained glass panel 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Aug. 23. The cost of \$20 includes supplies. Youth 14 and older are welcome.

August sale

Moulding and mats in the frame shop are 10 percent off the ticket price in August.

Fall craft bizarre

The annual fall craft bizarre takes place 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 20. Vendors can reserve space now, the cost is \$10.

Tickets & Travel **687-5643**

Trip to Six Flags St. Louis set

Tickets & Travel offers a free child's ticket with the purchase of a Six Flags St. Louis general admission ticket. Only one free child ticket per general admission ticket is allowed. The offer expires Nov. 2 and can't be combined with any other discount offers, or used in conjunction with any complimentary general admission ticket.

Teen Center **687-5819**

Operation night hoops

Eighth through 12th graders can play in a free basketball league Aug. 15 at the fitness center. This event is sponsored in-part by First Command.* Call the teen center for more details.

Back-to-school shopping

Travel to Independence, Mo., for back-to-school shopping 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Aug. 16. The cost is \$2 and bring money for shopping, lunch and snacks. Sign up by Thursday. The teen center will be closed for this event.

Back to school bash

Hang out with old friends or make new ones 6-10 p.m. Aug. 23 at the youth center. Play games, win school supplies and eat sub sandwiches. The cost is \$6 for mem-



Congratulation Bombers!

The "Bombers" girls softball team won the Tri-County softball tournament. The Whiteman youth sports program is sponsored in-part by First Command Financial Planning.*

bers and \$7.50 for nonmembers. Sign up by Aug 21.

Stars & Strikes **687-5114**

Customer appreciation & league sign-up

A customer appreciation and league sign-up takes place 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday. Enjoy 50 cent hot dogs, fries, and one game of bowling and rental shoes.

Kids lunch and bowl

Dependent children purchasing a kid's meal in August can bowl two free games and get rental shoes for \$4 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. weekdays.

Royal Oaks **687-5572**

Course championship

The Royal Oaks course championship takes place Aug. 9-10. Win a two-night stay at Thousand Hills Golf Resort in Branson, Mo. This event is open to valid government ID card holders. The winner will continue on to the Air Combat Command Championship Aug. 26-29 at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb. Sponsored in-part by Fowler's Family Autos and Thousand Hills Golf Resort.*

Mission's End **687-4422**

Club offers discounts

Club members, you can receive hotel discounts up to 30 percent when you phone in your reservations at Quality properties. Stop by Mission's End for details and pick up your exclusive member ID number today.



Whiteman Base Theater

Friday

Charlie's Angels:Full Throttle **7 p.m. PG-13**

Starring — Cameron Diaz & Drew Barrymore
The sequel reunites Cameron Diaz, Drew Barrymore and Lucy Liu as the indomitable crime-fighting heroines. In the Angels' new adventure, the captivating trio once again demonstrates their expertise in espionage, martial arts and disguise.

Saturday

Charlie's Angels:Full Throttle **7 p.m. PG-13**

Sunday

28 Days Later 5:30 p.m. PG

Starring — Cilliam Murphy & Naomie Harris
A small group of people in London have survived a virus that's wiped out most of the Earth's population. The virus was unleashed accidentally by an animal-rights group, and once people are exposed to it, they turn into zombie-like creatures.

Adults \$3 Youth \$1.50
Movie recording line 687-5110.
Movies are subject to change due to availability.



Photos by Senior Airman Shawn Clements

AMXS beats OSS

The 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron intramural softball team defeated the 509th Operations Support Squadron team 16-5 Tuesday. Left: Adam Macillily, 509th AMXS center fielder, drills a ball into play. Right: Mike Gilkeson, 509th OSS pitcher, throws a pitch. The extramural playoffs began Monday and the women's league began Wednesday. For more details, call the fitness center at 687-5496.

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